



# **2006-2007 Annual Report East County Citizens Advisory Board**



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# **East County Citizen Advisory Board**

## **Introduction**

The East County Citizens Advisory Board is pleased to present this Annual Report which details the board accomplishments for 2006-2007. The board centered its attention on the needs of the residents of East County. Board members were interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the needs of our community and improving its efforts in addressing those needs.

## **Ad Hoc Committee**

During 2006-2007, the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) focused on the theme of expanded community input to the board. An ad hoc committee was convened to examine methods that the board had put in place and new ideas it could generate for expanding community input to the board. The committee produced a detailed report and a list of recommendations for board review and discussion.

## **Community Outreach**

As a result of this discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee Report on Expanded Community Input to the Board, the board adopted, in September 2006, a three-prong approach for expanded community outreach. This approach was strategic in terms of the methods selected for outreach. The outreach strategy involved:

- The use of the “Pull” strategy for communications with residents and organizations (inviting organization or presenters to board meetings), as opposed to a “Push” strategy (board members going to community meetings);
- Continuing or increasing the number of activities that would bring board members face-to-face with the residents of East County for dialoguing and identifying areas of concern; and
- Directing increased energy and resources to electronic communications (email and website) and large media communications (newspaper & cable TV) for more efficient, consistent, and effective communications with the citizens of East County.

## **Annual Report**

This Annual Report details the accomplishments of the board’s efforts at expanded community input to the board. It outlines the activities implemented and many critical issues that were addressed. This report includes Activities, Committee Accomplishments, and Positions taken by the Board.

## About the Board

The East County Citizens Advisory Board was established in March 1993 by the County Executive with the approval of the County Council. Our board comprises 18 representatives from within the residential and business communities covered by the Master Plan areas of Cloverly, Fairland, and White Oak. This areas are roughly bound on the west by the Northwest Branch, on the north by the Howard County line, on the east by the Prince George's County line, and on the south by the Capital Beltway, I-495.

### Mission

Our mission is to advise the Montgomery County Executive and the County Council on concerns and issues facing our region and advocates for regional priorities.

### Monthly Board Meetings

At monthly board meetings, presenters from county government and other organizations to provide updates on matters of interest, which often relate to the county's budget, and services offered in our community. The board provides an opportunity each month for residents of East County to share their concerns as part of the agenda for its regular board meetings. Through its discussions, the board helps to identify potential solutions to the issues or concerns that are raised by the members of our community.



## **Acknowledgements**

Our thanks goes to board members who gave generously of their time to stay well-informed of local issues and who supported the board's efforts to serve as an effective link between the community and county government. We are grateful for the leadership Kim Jones, the chair of the Outreach Committee. We would have been far less successful in expanding community input to the board if Kim had not done the heavy lifting that was required in carrying out many board activities.

We especially want to remember one of our board members, Barbara Medina, who passed away this year. She was a valuable asset to the board and an inspiration to the Economic Development Committee. She will be sorely missed and long remembered for raising our awareness of environment; traffic and safety, and new development issues in this region. Barbara was a positive influence on the East County Citizens Advisory Board, in East County, and in Montgomery County.

The board expresses special thanks to Anise Key-Brown, Director of the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, Chuck Crisostomo, Assistant Director, Gwen Haney, Program Specialist and Anjoo Chohda, Senior Administrative Aide. Their support is invaluable to the work of the East County Citizens Advisory Board.

## **Board Members Serving in 2006**

### **Officers**

Stephen Jacobs, Esq.	Chair
Kim Bobola, PhD	Vice Chair
Bill Strassberger	Parliamentarian
Sheala Durant	Secretary

### **Economic and Community Development**

The Economic and Community Development Committee handles issues related to transportation, economic development, housing, environment, taxation, capital improvements, budget, property and zoning and monitors the implementation of Master Plans in Eastern Montgomery County. Committee members were: David Kelly, Esq. (Chair), Gladstone James, Barbara Medina, Tom Aylward, G. Stanley Doore, and Freda Harman, PhD.

## Services

The Services Committee handles issues related to education, aging, health, human services, public safety, and recreation. Committee members included: Rochelle Rollins (Chair), G. Stanley Doore, Benoy Thomas, Tracy D. Davis, Sheala Durant, Colleen Ionata, and Kim Bobola.

## Outreach

The Outreach Committee handles issues relating to networking, lobbying, communications and publicity. The committee plans special events, forums, and other outreach efforts to the larger community. Committee members included: Kim Jones (Chair), Tracy D. Davis, Esq., Sheala Durant, Will Kenlaw, Andre Carl Whisenton, and Bill Strassberger.



**Left to right:** Ann Williams, Gladstone James, Freda Hartman, David Kelly, Tracy Dupree-Davis, Will Kenlaw, Barbara Medina, Rochelle Rollins, Steve Jacobs, Carl Whisenton, Robert Newsome, Colleen Ionata, Sam Foster, Kim Bobola, Kim Jones, Bill Strassberger and Stan Doore



## **Board Activities**

During 2006-2007, ECCAB was involved in a number of major activities. These activities can be broadly characterized as outreach activities. These activities were intended to enhance the board's ability to serve as an effective bridge between the community and county government. They included: scheduled speakers; orientation services; community services; and community forums.

### **Scheduled Speakers**

The following speakers were invited to speak to the member of ECCAB:

- Wilbur Malloy, Executive Director, People's Community Wellness Center
- Captain Mitch Cunningham, Montgomery County 3rd District Police Station
- Karen Fischer, Department of Health and Human Services
- Mike Madden, Maryland Transit Association
- Captain Betsy Davis, 3rd District Police Station
- Lt. Porsha Jones, 3rd District Police Station
- Sgt. Bill Whalen, Montgomery County Police
- Dr. Ursula Hermann, Montgomery County Public Schools, Community Superintendent
- Roylene Roberts, Chief, Redevelopment Section, Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- Jere Stocks, President, Washington Adventist Hospital



Board meeting with a special presentation regarding the redevelopment of the Burtonsville Shopping Center



## **Orientation Services**

Members of ECCAB participated in activities designed to provide orientation services to new members. These activities were opportunities to meet the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center partners; to tour the areas covered by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center; and to engage in discussions with members of other Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Boards.

## **EMRSC Partnerships**

At its September meeting, ECCAB members are introduced to the partner organizations that reside in the EMRSC building. The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services (EMRSC) Center houses the offices of these government services: People's Community Wellness Center; Health and Human Services, and Montgomery County Police.

On September meeting to ECCAB provided board members to hear an overview of programs and services provided to low-income and uninsured individuals through the People's Community Wellness Center and Health and Human Services. In addition, the board members received an update from the police captain for District #3 on crime in East County.

## **Orientation to East County**

On September 23, 2006, a majority of the members of the East County Citizens Advisory Board participated in a bus tour of East County. To kick off the orientation, Pierra Weis, a Senior Planner with the Maryland-Capital National Park and Planning Commission (MCNPPC), gave a brief history of commission, focusing on planning efforts underway in East County. Additionally, Ms. Weis provided an overview of major development in our area. Her presentation highlighted the road projects designed to improve east-west traffic flow; that East County has nearly attained a balance in its housing densities with one-third detached single family homes, one-third townhouses, and one-third garden apartments; and that the facilities for Police and Recreation that are being planned in the White Oak area.

During the bus tour of the East County services region, board members visited or viewed county recreation and educational facilities. The tour featured areas of housing development, retail development, and employment centers. A stop at the Federal Research Center in White Oak provided an opportunity for board members to view first stages in the development of a world- class Food and Drug Administration facility that will soon be a major employment center in

the area. Opportunities for additional development were highlighted at the former WSSC site and in Burtonsville.

A number of critical issues emerged with respect to planning. A number of critical issues emerged with respect to the planning areas of East County:

- One issue of concern related to the Cloverly planning area is *environmental protection* of the watershed at the head waters of the Paint Branch stream.
- Other issues of concern related to the Fairland planning area include *housing* as well as *development* with regard to the Burtonsville business district.
- Major concerns related to the White Oak Master planning area is the *impact on East County of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) consolidation project.*

### **Joint Citizens Advisory Boards**

On January 30, 2007, a majority of ECCAB members attended a Joint Meeting of citizen advisory boards from Bethesda-Chase, Mid-County, Silver Spring, and UpCounty to discuss regional solutions to transportation infrastructure. The Council of Governments led this high-level discussion on regional planning. This organization explained its attempts to tie together the planning issues so that a big picture can be conveyed. The organization works with communities in order to share information about where projects are headed and to seek ideas on how to proceed differently.



ECCAB members working with other CAB members

## **Community Activities**

### **Community Events**

Members of the East County Citizens Advisory Board participated in a number of community activities, including several community festivals. All members of the board participated in at least one community festival. At these celebrations, board members disseminated information about the services of the East County Regional Services Center; discussed concerns identified by East County citizens; and shared ways that ECCAB acts on these concerns.

The Burtonsville Day celebration was held on Saturday, September 30. Four board members took part in the Burtonsville Day parade, a community involvement tradition. Members of ECCAB also participated in Tamarack Day on May 12 and the Colesville Strawberry Festival on May 19, 2007.

### **Community Survey**

At the Burtonsville Days Festival on September 30, a total of 69 individuals completed a survey designed by the Outreach Committee to solicit community comments. An analysis of the survey results revealed a referendum on transportation. Other top priorities include crime and economic development. With regard to economic development, survey participants are interested in finding out whether an anchor store will be put in the Burtonsville Shopping Center or the vicinity.

### **Community Service Project**

The East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) continued its tradition of carrying out a community service project. In 2006-2007, the board continued its participation in the Adopt-A-Road program. Under this program, several board members met on Saturday, October 16 to clean the section of Old Columbia Pike from Briggs Chaney to Randolph Road. There were 6 volunteers for the day. The team filled 10 bags of trash in an effort to keep “our” road litter free and East County beautiful.

## Community Forums

### Crime Forum

In response to reports on perceived increases in crimes in East County neighborhoods, the Outreach Committee, with assistance from the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) and other board members, sponsored a Crime Forum on February 22, 2007.

At the Crime Form, police representatives discussed the recent rise in crimes East County in “pack robberies,” auto thefts, and juvenile crime. Many crime prevention strategies were discussed. For example, local citizens were urged to use bump-proof locks, neighborhood watch programs, and to call police at the non-emergency phone number to report any suspicious behavior.

Participants in the forum also learned about county programs and services to thwart crime, such as, Watch Your Car program, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (e.g., Gang Prevention, Drug Tip Line, etc.) Additionally, participants became aware of numerous county-sponsored activities designed for youth. These include activities such as: the Sports Academy Club at Springbrook High School, After-School Programs, Speakers’ Bureau, and Recreation and Parks activities. The forum was enhanced by presentations given by the Director of Recreation and Parks and the Director of the Fairland Recreation Center.

### Transportation Forum

On June 2, the Outreach Committee, with assistance from the EMRSC staff and other ECCAB members, held a Transportation Forum. **County Council President Marilyn Praisner** gave opening remarks. These remarks set the stage for the forum. Mrs. Praisner conveyed some of these concerns:

- There is no hotter issue in the region that the road system, rail system, and public transportation. The expansion of the existing system will take financial resources. At this time, however, not enough funding will be available at the local, state, or federal level.
- The county has begun to focus on Transportation, not just as a road issue. Transportation also includes: bus, bikes, fixed rail, and safety issues.
- East County has a significant issue with bus lines. We need to learn inform the users how to improve this.

- The engineering of roads has come before the County Council. Some issues include more pedestrian safety. Aspects of the code are being reviewed by committees and by the Task Force on road infrastructure.
- The Growth Policy is a major issue from the standpoint of new development and how it relates to congestion.
- We need to work more collaboratively with Prince George's, Howard, Carroll, and Frederick counties on issues such as major land use, sharing information, and concentrations of development in growth areas.
- There are major concerns that are not totally solvable. We cannot have the population of the region living where they choose and working where they do and not be affected by congestion. The challenge is in terms of how to plan more wisely and to accept an appropriate level of congestion. In light of this, some questions remain such as: (a) what and how will the increasing cost of growth impact development in the future? (b) How do we adjust for growth? (c) How do we increase the attractiveness of public transportation? (d) How do we encourage greater use of public transportation?

**Art Holmes**, the Director of Public Works and Transportation presented the priorities set by the County Executive and County Council each year. The priorities for East County included the Intercounty Connector (ICC) and the Route 29 Interchanges (e.g., Route 198, East Randolph/ Cherry Hill, and Briggs Chaney). A presentation was given by Odessa Phillip (ICC Community Liaison) on what the ICC means to East County. Information was provided Mike Jaeger (ICC Contract Manager) with regard to the status on awarding the contracts for sections of the ICC.

**John Swanson**, Senior Transportation Planner (Washington Area, Council of Governments) presented forecast trends on the Region's Transportation Plan. This plan reveals limited funding, which will constrain the long-range plan. Mr. Swanson conveyed that a policy framework has been adopted. The vision of this policy framework is to promote Activity Centers; Increase Transit; and Reduce Road Traffic. Several key issues have been identified in relation to this vision. The regional issues are as follows:

- Job growth is outpacing housing
- Workers are living farther from their jobs
- An East-West Divide is occurring; that is, west-bound traffic clogs the roads during the morning rush hour
- Most growth is located outside of transit station areas.

## **Committees**

The standing committees include: Outreach, Services, and Community and Economic Development committees.

### **Outreach Committee Accomplishments**

As mentioned earlier in this report, the Outreach Committee handles issues relating to networking, lobbying, communications, and publicity. The committee also plans for special events, forums, and other outreach efforts to the larger community.

In 2006-2007, the Outreach Committee provided leadership in organizing and facilitating numerous community activities. These community events, surveys, projects, and forums were very successful. Additionally, the Outreach Committee, , helped in making the Winning Wardrobe (sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center) and the Women's Entrepreneurship Event, sponsored by the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Regional Services Center, a huge success.

#### **Winning Wardrobe**

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center sponsored the Winning Wardrobe "Shopping Spree" that was held in June, 2006. The goal was to help women enter the workforce and turn their jobs into rewarding careers. The objective was to organize this event so the women to shop for professional attire for job interviews and job transitions. The generosity of many, through donations, gifts, and volunteer help, made this event very successful.

#### **Women's Entrepreneurship**

"The Business of Your Dreams" workshop was held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on Saturday, April 21, 2007. The objective of the Entrepreneurship Workshop was to promote economic empowerment through entrepreneurship among women in Montgomery County. State Senator Rona Cramer and State Delegate Herman Taylor shared their experiences as business owners, while County Council President Marilyn J. Praisner and DeVance Walker, Jr., Ph.D., Manager Small Business Services, Department of Economic Development, shared their knowledge of the county's state of affairs.



Glenna Cush of the Maryland Small Business Development Center discussed how to start, grow, and succeed in a new business venture; Fizie Haleem, Business Review Specialist, Department of Economic Development, shared knowledge of business marketing; and, Sheila Woodard, CPA, talked about how to finance a new business.

## **Services Committee Accomplishments**

The Services Committee handles issues related to education, aging, health, human services, public safety, and recreation. The following section describes the accomplishments of the Services Committee in the areas of education, health, human services, transportation/public safety, and recreation.

### **Education**

#### **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget**

In their monthly reports (November 2006 through February 2007), the Services Committee reported to the ECCAB on the status of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for Montgomery County Public Schools, with a focus on projects in East County. Parent leaders of the Northeast Consortium (NEC) prepared subsequent budget hearing-testimony that supported the themes for the MCC-PTA testimony. They also advocated for the specific needs of Springbrook High School. Parent leaders of the Northeast Consortium are interested in obtaining more information about the Capital Improvement Program beyond the modernization schedules. They are requesting information on CIP priorities such as school building additions. Parents also want updated information on the Fact Assessments of school needs since many of these assessments are over ten years old and might not be useful now.

#### **Northeast Consortium (NEC)**

In October 2006, the Services Committee gave their regular monthly report to the board about the proceedings of the September Northeast Consortium (NEC) meeting. The report announced that the Montgomery County Public School System was one of twelve finalists for the Baldrige Award.

Additionally, the report announced the Alegbra Initiative, which establishes that 80% of students will complete Algebra by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All public school students are provided accelerated instruction in mathematics so they

will be ready to participate in rigorous classes in high school. Access to accelerated classes, such as Honors classes, is emphasized over Gifted and Talented programs.

In March 2007, the Services Committee presented a monthly report to ECCAB on the proceedings of the February Northeast Consortium (NEC) meeting. The main topic was School Choice in the Northeast Consortium. This year, 1,277 eighth graders participated in the Choice Program. Of these students, 94% of them received their first choice. This percentage receiving their first choice matched the median percentage for students' first choice over time. Dr. Ursula Hermann, the community superintendent, reported hearing no negative comments about the Choice Program this year, and she attributed this to the greater transparency of the Choice Program process.

#### Northeast Consortium (NEC) Community Superintendent Update

The Outreach Committee, in collaboration with the Services Committee, wrote a letter of invitation to Dr. Ursula Hermann, community superintendent for the Northeast Consortium (NEC) to attend the February meeting. In response to the invitation, Dr. Hermann attended the meeting and presented highlights about the Northeast Consortium and the Sherwood schools. She also spoke about the Choice Program for Blake, Paint Branch, and Springbrook High Schools. Dr. Hermann provided information on the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, Galway Elementary modernization, middle school programs, and the needs of children receiving special education services.

### **Health**

#### Burtonsville Day – Health Fair

Members of the East County Citizens Advisory Board participated in the Burtonsville Day celebration on Saturday, September 30. This year, the Services Committee sponsored a table for the Health Fair. A volunteer pediatric dentist met with children and their families about dental hygiene. Health information on cancer and blood pressure screening was provided.

### **Human Services**

#### Emergency Response

To enhance the East County emergency response procedures, the Services Committee encourages the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center to

install a Radio Amateur Emergency Radio Response station in the resource room. This service is an FTC-approved service that can be used as a means of secondary support in an emergency.

#### **Public Access Education and Government Channel**

The Services Committee requested assistance from the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center in obtaining information about Fiber Optics in relation to public access broadcasts. A committee member expressed that residents needed PAEG (Public Access Education and Government Channel) broadcasts to be streamed on the internet. An additional request was that the county would consider using the 5% franchise fee to fund this endeavor. The aim is to see all PAEG channels streaming on-line.

#### **Transportation/Public Safety**

##### **Crosswalks and Pedestrian Safety**

At the May 2006 meeting, the Services Committee initiated board action regarding the traffic condition at the intersection of Good Hope Road and Windmill Lane. Currently there are bus stops for Metro and Ride On busses; however, there are no cross walks or sidewalks. A letter was written to the Department of Public Works and Transportation requesting a study of the traffic and installation of pedestrian walks.

#### **Recreation**

##### **White Oak Recreation Center**

The development of the White Oak Recreation Center continues to be a high priority for the Services Committee and for East County residents. In September, the board conducted a site visit to the center's location on April Lane. In October, 2006, the entire Board learned that a pre-qualifying Design Consultant was to be selected in December, 2006. The design for the Recreation Center must meet the budget requirements, the requirements for the seniors, and recreation department standards. Additional input on the design of the center will be sought in the community beginning in the spring of 2007. At a June 2007 Community Forum on the Capital Improvement Program for the county, East County citizens expressed their interest in having the county purchase a larger lot so the center could be expanded.

## Cricket Field

In March 2006, ECCAB had sent a letter of support to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for a practice field for the Silver-Burt Cricket Club. In response to the request for a cricket field, M-NCPPC stated in a letter dated July 2006 the possibility of providing both temporary and permanent cricket facilities in Montgomery County Parks. M-NCPPC had identified two parks where a temporary field might be constructed: at Columbia Local Park, as an overlay on softball fields #3 and #4 and at the Calverton Galway Local Park, on softball field #4 and soccer field #6. At a Community Forum on the Capital Improvement Program for the county on June 21, 2007, M-NCPPC announced that the current Capital Improvements Program now includes funding for the construction of a practice field at the Calverton Galway Local Park.

## **Community and Economic Development Committee Accomplishments**

As mentioned previously in this report, the Community and Economic Development Committee handles issues related to transportation, economic development, housing, environment, taxation, capital improvements, budget, property and zoning, and monitors implementation of Master Plans in eastern Montgomery County.

The committee's accomplishments are described below in the areas of transportation, transportation/economic development, housing, and monitoring development in the areas covered by the Master Plans.

### **Transportation**

#### **Improvements at Industrial Parkway and Tech Road**

With the support of the Board, the Community and Economic Development Committee wrote a letter to the Park and Planning Commission suggesting specific improvements needed on Industrial Parkway and Tech Road. In response to this letter, the commission installed exit and stop signs. Residents are pleased with these enhancements. This action was very effective in addressing safety concerns, particularly with respect to school busses in this part of East County.

## Purple Line

In September, the Community and Economic Development Committee met with Maryland Transit staff regarding the Purple Line to discuss its proposed solutions. As a follow up, in October, 2006, Mike Madden, from Maryland Transit, gave a presentation on the Purple Line and the Bi-County Transitway to the entire board. The status of the Purple Line is that additional study is underway. Mr. Madden informed the Board of the Six Build Alternatives and a “no build” alternative. A decision on the alternatives will be made in the spring of 2007.

## Transportation/Economic Development

### Projects Having an Impact on East County

The committee continued to track numbers of projects that will have a significant impact on East County. These included the Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center and the construction of the ICC. Additionally, the committee monitored the environmental impact. The committee was most concerned that the State is not prepared to put signage up directing the public to the Burtonsville Shopping Center.

The board received two letters in response (from the President of the County Council and another from the County Executive) to letters written by the Community and Economic Committee regarding growth in the Federal Research Center, US 29 Tech Road area. Follow up is needed in 2007-2008.

The committee continued their discussions about the road patterns around the FDA center. The main interest of the committee is to communicate concerns regarding County, State Highway, and Federal regulations. The committee continues to urge the county to take the lead in monitoring these developments and encouraging coordination and communication with one another in tracking the developments.

## Housing

### Affordable Housing

The committee's main concern was affordable housing in East County. To address this concern, the committee discussed establishing a public input process to the County's housing agencies.

## **Monitoring the Implementation of Master Plans in Montgomery County**

### **White Oak Master Plan Area**

The Committee established a top priority as tracking the development in the White Oak Maser Plan area surrounding the FDA consolidation. The committee wants to ensure that the County is taking a lead role in performing overall oversight of development. The committee anticipates that the State Highway Administration will do an adequate job addressing the transportation issues in the area.



## **Positions**

The attachments that follow are the letters of support that the chair of ECCAB submitted to government officials.

May 9, 2007

Mr. Al Roshdieh  
Deputy Director  
Department Of Public Works and Transportation  
101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850-2450

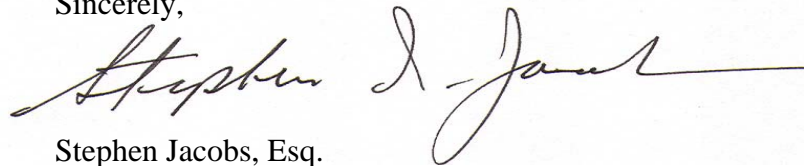
In Re: Request for Installation of Pedestrian Walks

Dear Mr. Roshdieh:

It has been brought to our attention that some necessary improvements to the intersection of Good Hope Road and Windmill Lane are needed. There is no pedestrian walk for commuters or neighbors to cross Good Hope Road. This creates a dangerous situation considering the amount of traffic and poor lighting at this site. Both East and West bound lanes of Good Hope have bus stops which makes this intersection a logical place to put a crosswalk with reflectors.

The East County Citizens Advisory Board requests a study be conducted for a pedestrian crosswalk with reflective material to be done. It is our hope that the study results in the installation of this safety feature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Jacobs", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Stephen Jacobs, Esq.  
Chair,  
ECCAB

cc : Emil Wolanin, Section Chief  
Traffic Engineering and Operations section,  
DPWT  
101 Orchard Ridge Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

May 24, 2007

Mr. Darren Augustyniak  
Third District Engineer  
Maryland State Government Transportation  
Department Of State Highway Administration  
9300 Kenilworth Ave  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

In Re: Request for Road Improvement

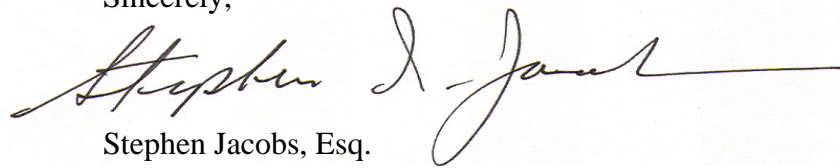
Dear Mr. Augustyniak:

Enclosed with this letter please find a letter sent to the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and their response regarding the poor drainage of storm water, snow and ice at the southwest corner of Briggs Chaney Road and Old Columbia Pike.

Please respond to this letter and inform the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) of when this problem will be resolved.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Jacobs", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Jacobs, Esq.  
Chair,  
ECCAB

cc : Mr. Stephen C. Nash, Acting Chief  
Department Of Public Works and Transportation  
101 Orchard Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Mr. Al Roshdieh, Deputy Director  
Department Of Public Works and Transportation  
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April 13, 2007

Mr. Al Roshdieh  
Deputy Director  
Department of Public Works and Transportation  
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In Re: Request for Road Improvement

Dear Mr. Roshdieh:

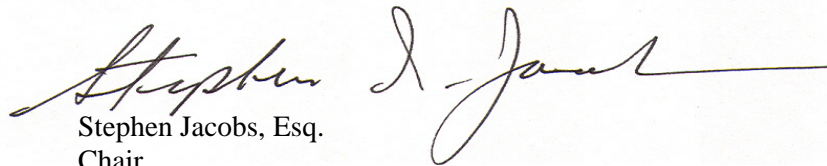
In the last several years a problem has developed at the southwestern corner of Briggs Chaney Road and Old Columbia Pike.

After some road improvements were done at this intersection, this southwestern corner of the intersection is the low point or depression where water, snow and ice collect. This is right at the cross-walk on Old Columbia Pike. The closest storm drain appears to be at least fifteen feet south of the crosswalk and does very little to drain the area where the water, snow and ice collect. Even after a moderate rainfall, water collects and remains for well over 24 hours.

A large number of cars turn right onto southbound Old Columbia Pike which can create significant safety problems, particularly in the winter. Perhaps of even greater concern is that the low point or depression is precisely where our disabled citizens are provided an entrance/exit from the sidewalk to the crosswalk on Old Columbia Pike.

This problem should be repaired as rapidly as possible. Please respond to this letter with an answer detailing your plans and time frame for remedying this problem.

Sincerely,



Stephen Jacobs, Esq.  
Chair,  
ECCAB

cc : Mr. Keith Compton,  
Section Chief: OPS Highway, DPWT  
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cc : Mr. Lewis Cutsail  
Montgomery County Contract Administrator, DPWT  
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## Attachments

### 1. East County 2005 Demographic update survey.

On its September monthly meeting, the board reviewed this information about the composition of East County:

- Population is 111,250 people.
- Demographics include: Caucasian (46.%), African/ African American (34%), Hispanic/Latino (7%), and Asian (13%).
- Income: up to \$30K (12%), \$30-50K (16%), \$51-70K (17%), \$70-100K (19%), Over \$100K(36%)
- Education Level: HS (25%), Some College (7%), BS/BA (30%), Masters &Above (30%)
- The number of businesses: 3,639
- Home Owner Type: Detached/Single Family (59%), Townhouse (18%), Garden Apartments (16%), High Rise (7%)
- Age Groups: Over 65 (11%), 45-64 (28%), 30-44 (21%), 18-29 (13%), Under 18 (27%)
- Houses of Faith: Approximately 80

Source: Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

[http://www.mc-mncppc.org/research/data\\_library/CUS2005/documents/RSCEastCounty05.XLS](http://www.mc-mncppc.org/research/data_library/CUS2005/documents/RSCEastCounty05.XLS)

## 2006-2007 Calendar and Major Activities

Meetings	Major Activities	Focal Areas
September 6, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EMRSC Partners</i></li> <li>– Wilbur Malloy, Executive Director</li> <li>– (People's Community Wellness Center)</li> <li>– Captain Mitch Cunningham (Montgomery County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Station)</li> <li>– Karen Fischer (Health and Human Services)</li> </ul>	Medical services Update on crime reports Health services
September 23, 2006	▪ <i>Bus Tour Orientation to East County</i>	Getting to Know East County
September 30, 2006	▪ <i>Burtonsville Day</i>	Survey
October 4, 2006	– Mike Madden (Bi county Transitway)	Transit
October 6, 2006	▪ <i>Adopt-a-Road (Road Clean Up)</i>	Community Service Project
November 1, 2006		Committee Reports
December 6, 2006		Committee Reports
January 3, 2007		Committee Reports
January 30, 2007	▪ <i>Joint Citizens Advisory Boards</i>	<i>Our Concerns (Steve Jacobs):</i> <i>Long range transportation</i> <i>Crime problems</i> <i>Purple line</i> <i>Lack of action on Burtonsville roads</i>
February 7, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Captain Betsy Davis, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Station</li> <li>– Lt. Porsha Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Station</li> <li>– Sgt. Bill Whalen, Montgomery County Police</li> <li>– Dr. Ursula Hermann, Montgomery County Public Schools, Community Superintendent</li> </ul>	Update on crime report Community watch programs Policy Community Action Team Northeast Consortium Choice Program International Baccalaureate Program
February 22, 2007	▪ <i>Crime Forum</i>	Crime problems
March 7, 2007	– Roylene Roberts, Chief, Redevelopment Section (Department of Housing and Community Affairs)	Burtonsville Market Study
April 2007		Committee Reports
May 2, 2007	– Jere Stocks, President (Washington Adventist Hospital)	Hospital relocation
June 2007		Committee Reports
June , 2007	▪ <i>Transportation Forum</i>	<i>Transportation/Transit</i>

*\* Italicized items represent board activities beyond the regular monthly meetings.*





# EAST COUNTY



## COMMUNITY CRIME FORUM

The East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) & The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) invite you to participate in a special Community Crime Forum.

This event is designed to initiate dialogue and develop solutions between County residents and law enforcement officials regarding criminal activities in our Community.

### Meet with the Representatives of the

- ▶ *Montgomery County Police Department [MCPD]*
- ▶ *State Attorney's Office* 
- ▶ *Question and Answers from the audience*

**When** : Thursday, February 22, 2007

**Time** : 7:00pm – 9:00 pm

**Where** : Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

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For more information, please contact:

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*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event.*



## East County “Transportation Forum”

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Saturday, June 2, 2007**

*Presiding Moderator*  
*Andre Carl Whisenton*

### **Agenda**

- 10:00 a.m.      Welcome  
                    **Stephen Jacobs, Esq.** Chair  
                    East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
- 10:05 a.m.      Opening Remarks  
                    **Marilyn J. Praisner**, President  
                    Montgomery County Council
- 10:15 a.m.      **Arthur Holmes**, Director  
                    Montgomery County -Department of Public Works and Transportation  
                    Infrastructure update, Metro, Ride On
- 10:25 a.m.      Questions & Answers
- 10:30 a.m.      **Odessa Phillip**, ICC Community Liaison  
                    Maryland State Highway Administration  
                    State highway initiatives  
                    **Mike Jaeger**, ICC Contract Manager  
                    ICC Update
- 10:40 a.m.      Questions & Answers
- 10:45 a.m.      **John Swanson**  
                    Senior Transportation Planner  
                    Regional Planning Office  
                    Washington Area, Council of Governments
- 10:55 a.m.      Questions & Answers
- 12:00 p.m.      Closing

## Regional Services Center Boundary Map

